GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SUBSTANDARD INPUTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether substandard, spurious and fake inputs like seeds, fertilisers, insecticides, pesticides etc. abound in the market that adversely affect the farming community;

(b) if so, the details thereof and preventive/punitive steps taken to check the menace;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints from the farming community that seed corporation have failed to provide quality seeds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.The Government is taking all possible measure to check sale of sub standard inputs like seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides etc. Government have provided legal framework to strengthen the quality assurance regime for various agriculture inputs under the Seeds Act, 1966, Seeds Rules, 1968, Seed (Control) Order, 1983, Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985,Insecticides Act, 1968 and Insecticides Rules, 1971 as amended from time to time. Enforcement of these legal instruments is vested with the State Governments and Union Territories. Inspectors notified under these legal instruments are empowered to draw samples, verify stocks and issue stop sale orders in case the agriculture inputs do not conform to the provisions of these Acts/Rules and Orders.

(c)& (d): No such report has been received.